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SUBJECT: FONMIN EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT USG APPLYING PRESSURE
ON EC COUNTRIES TO ADOPT ANTI-BOYCOTT MEASURES
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1. ACCORDING TO FRG CHARGE' SCHWARTZE, THE CHIEFS OF
MISSION OF ALL EC COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN IRAQ HAVE BEEN
SUMMONED ONE AT A TIME TO IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTRY TO MEET
WITH ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ARAB AFFAIRS. WHEN
SUMMONED ON APRIL 15, SCHWARTZE WAS TOLD THAT IT HAD
COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT THAT

THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WAS EXERTING PRESSURE ON THE EC GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT ANTI-BOYCOTT MEASURES SIMILAR TO THOSE NOW BEING ADOPTED BY THE USG. THE FONMIN OFFICIAL THEN EXPLAINED THAT THE ARAB BOYCOTT WAS NOT AIMED AT JEWS PER SE BUT WAS A WEAPON IN THE ARAB STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAEL. HE SAID THAT THE GOI IS CONCERNED ABOUT THESE REPORTS OF AMERICAN PRESSURE AND ASKED THAT SCHWARTZE SO INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. SCHWARTZE SAID IN REPLY THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING USG PRESSURE ON HIS GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO SAID THAT FRG REJECTED THE BOYCOTT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS POLICY OF "BALANCE" IN THE MIDDLE EAST BUT THAT THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT HAVE ANY LEGAL MEANS OF PREVENTING ITS COMPANIES FROM COMPLYING WITH BOYCOTT CONDITIONS.

3. BRITISH CHARGE' CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD HAD SIMILAR APPROACH EXCEPT THAT FONMIN OFFICIAL HAD SAID THAT GOI HAD REPORTS OF ISRAELI PRESSURE ON EC GOVERNMENTS RATHER THAN USG PRESSURE.

4. COMMENT: GOI SEEMS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN HARD LINE ON BOYCOTT AND DIVERT PREVIOUSLY EXPANDING US-IRAQI COMMERCIAL RELATIONS TO EC COUNTRIES. THIS POLICY WILL BE FEASIBLE ONLY IF EC COUNTRIES DO NOT FOLLOW USG LEAD IN ADOPTING ANTI-BOYCOTT MEASURES.

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